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For: INK COMPOSITION, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, AND IMAGE-  
FORMING METHOD AND IMAGE-FORMING DEVICE USING THE SAME

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For Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. JP 11-322942 A, JP 11-322866 A, JP 11-080221 A, and JP 2-103274 A, listed as Items A - D, respectively, English Abstracts are provided. Items D, BB and CC, are listed in the "PCT International Search Report", listed as Item AA, which corresponds to International Application No. PCT/JP03/02543.

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	A	11-322942 A	11/26/1999	JP (w/ English Abstract)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	B	11-322866 A	11/26/1999	JP (w/ English Abstract)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	C	11-080221 A	03/26/1999	JP (w/ English Abstract)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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	AA	INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY; Japanese Patent Office; "PCT International Search Report"; corresponding to International Application No. PCT/JP03/02543; date of mailing 17 June 2003; (1 page).
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	CC	K. TAKAUSU; "Ink Jet Kiroku ni Okeru Ink Media Printer no Kaihatsu Gijutsu"; Kabushiki Kaisha Gijutsu Joho Kyokai; 01 February 2001; (pages 18-19).

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